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Sir:

Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)(1), Applicant's undersigned attorney hereby petitions to correct the inventorship of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/912,067 by removing Ashish Khera, Donnell W. Gurskis, and Steven Bacich as inventors, leaving Julian N. Nikolchev and Dai T. Ton, as the remaining inventors. The above inventors are being deleted since their inventions were claimed in the parent application and are no longer being claimed in the present application.

Per 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)(2), the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account Number 20-1430 the processing fee of \$130 set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) and any other additional fees required.

Respectfully submitted,

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